



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. IC21-35-000]**

#### **Commission Information Collection Activity (FERC-587); Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-587, Land Description: Public Land States/Non-Public Land States, which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of this request for extension.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-35-000) on FERC-587 by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.
- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
- Hand (including courier) delivery: Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), or by telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Title: Land Description: Public Land States/Non-Public Land States.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0145.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of FERC-587.

*Abstract:* Section 24 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>1</sup> requires the Commission to conduct this collection of information, which pertains to applications proposing hydropower projects, or changes to existing hydropower projects, within “lands of the United States.” FERC Form 587 consolidates the required information, including a description of the applicable U.S. lands and identification of hydropower project boundary maps associated with the applicable U.S. lands. An applicant must send FERC

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<sup>1</sup> 16 USC 818.

Form 587 both to the Commission and to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)<sup>2</sup> state office where the project is located. The information consolidated in FERC Form 587 facilitates the reservation of U.S. lands as hydropower sites and the withdrawal of such lands from other uses.

*Type of Respondents:* Applicants proposing hydropower projects, or changes to existing hydropower projects, within lands of the United States.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* The Commission estimates 70 responses, 70 hours, and \$6,090 in costs annually for respondents. These burdens are itemized in the following table:

<b>A. Number of Respondents</b>	<b>B. Annual Number of Responses per Respondent</b>	<b>C. Total Number of Responses (Column A x Column B)</b>	<b>D. Average Hour Burden &amp; Cost Per Response<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>E. Total Annual Burden Hours &amp; Total Annual Cost (Column C x Column D)</b>	<b>F. Cost per Respondent (\$) (Column E ÷ Column A)</b>
70	1	70	1 hour; \$87.00	70 hours; \$6,090	\$87.00

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of

<sup>2</sup> The Bureau of Land Management is within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the average industry hourly cost for this information collection is approximated by the current FERC 2021 average hourly costs for wages and benefits, i.e., \$87.00/hour.

the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Secretary.

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